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SUBJECT: The International Correspondence School

The International Correspondence School was, previous to the Pacific War, a well-known institution in Shanghai a place where anyone could take courses on various subjects such as mechanical engineering, commercial correspondence, etc. etc.

The course was formed in such a way that when a pupil started any course the shhool would send to America a requisition re the particular books that would be required for that particular course and each lesson, given in writing would be send to U.S.A. for correction and then returned to Shanghai.

Further enquiries Please.

However as the connection between America and Shanghai has been broken the International Correspondence School could not continue with the old system so they themselves completed the courses already started but did not take any more pupils, so the School's activities are now completely suspended.

Mr. Fowler, the School's President, is now living on Avenue de Roi Albert, Verdun Terrace House 55.

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Date May 7, 1937.

Subject: Request by the Japanese Military Police for information regarding the International Correspondence School.

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With reference to Special Branch Report dated April 6, 1937, requesting on behalf of the Japanese Military Police, information regarding the International Correspondence School, 238 Nanking Road: this organization is the Shanghai Branch of an institution, founded in 1891, whose ramifications cover practically the whole of the civilized world. The parent and controlling body is an American organization incorporated in the town of Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. and is capitalized at U.S.$10,000,000, fully paid. Further, it is understood that approximately 95% of this capital was subscribed by U.S. citizens resident in the U.S.A. The directorate is a lengthy one and little purpose would be served by enumerating the names of all those serving upon the board. However it can be safely assumed that the institution is one which is held in high esteem when such persons as Mr. C.S. Woolworth, Chairman of F.W. Woolworth & Company and Mr. G. d'Andelot Belin, President of E.I.du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc. are found to be members of the board of directors of the school.

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With reference to the local branch of the International Correspondence School, the principal is one, J. Edgar Fowler, a citizen of the U.S.A., born in Shanghai on the 14.1.1906, of American Italian parentage. His father, Charles S. Fowler was a U.S. citizen by birth while his mother, Marie Jorge Fowler forsook her Italian nationality and became a citizen of the U.S.A. subsequent to her marriage with the aforesaid C.S. Fowler. It is learned that J.E. Fowler received his education in the U.S.A.; he is believed to have returned to China in 1929 while for the past five years he has occupied

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his present position in the International Correspondence School.

It is difficult to say precisely the number and the nature of all the books distributed by this institution, but the attached prospectus may help to throw some light on the kind of work performed by the school. Apart from slight differences in the curricula necessitated by the different standards required by examining bodies in the U.S.A. and the United Kingdom, there is little actual divergence between the American and the British courses of study.

Enquiries have elicited that the majority of the students of this local branch of the school are of Chinese nationality, the courses finding most favour being ones dealing with the usual commercial subjects, the English language and radio engineering.

In conclusion, it can be said that careful and diligent investigating has failed to produce anything to indicate that the International Correspondence School, 238 Nanking Road, or its principal, J.E. Rawlew, is connected in any way whatsoever with any organization likely to be looked upon with particular favour by the authorities of the U.S.S.R.

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